

# **LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**LINCOLN, RI 02865**

**DATE: September 11, 2006**

**TIME: 7:30pm – Monthly Meeting - Open**

**PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall**

**100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI**

**School Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair, MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair, John Zangari, Clerk, Betty Robson, John Lefleur and Julie Zito. Gerard St. Germain was absent.**

**Others Present: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Georgia Fortunato, and Ben Scungio.**

**Weiss called the meeting to order. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Opening Ceremony**

**Right To Be Heard - None**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Zangari to approve the August 28, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Opening of Schools Update**

**Tindall-Gibson commended the work that Gilbane and Mencucci had done. He said the enrollment is up by 47 students from last year. The class sizes are good but still a little higher in K classes. The high/middle school numbers are good. Staffing went very well. There are only two unfilled positions. One is at the high school and the other is at Lonsdale. Transportation went well. There were some small snags on the first day.**

### **Update on 2006 – 2007 Contingency**

**Miller said when the Committee approved the 2006 – 2007 budget, they put \$142,900 into contingency in the event that they needed grade 1 positions at the ELCs. She wanted to let them know how the money was being used. The Committee approved the addition of a .5 OT for special services. We included an additional .4 Science teacher at the HS, an additional .2 Music teacher at the HS, a secretary at the MS that was budgeted at 195 days is now full time and the Committee will be reviewing the request to add an additional 1:1 teacher assistant. There is \$31,000 left in contingency.**

### **Approval of Additional 1:1 Aid**

**Fortunato requested an additional unbudgeted position for a 1:1 Teacher Assistant. This is dictated by the student's IEP. Motion by Zito to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Construction Update**

**Mencucci discussed the punch list. Weiss asked if there are any major issues. No, but there was a request by the Lime Rock Fire District to incorporate some egress paths outside the building. That will be done next Thursday, weather permitting. The middle school fields have been irated. Fergurson field will be getting sod tomorrow. Mencucci did a terrific job and stayed on top of everything.**

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## **Business Manger's Report**

**Miller discussed the first financial report for the 06-07 school year. There is a \$40K positive variance. She referred the Committee to page 4 – Health Insurance. 26.74% spent even though only two months of the year has passed. There is three months of bills in there and we have had one payroll where we have had the co-share for employee benefits. This is not reflected in there yet. Health Options is a little over a \$112K. We should be ok and may have a little bit of surplus in that line.**

## **Personnel Recommendations**

### **Administrator Appointment**

**a. Georgia Fortunato To: Superintendent of Schools  
240 Meshanticut Valley Pky. Effective: June 1, 2007  
Cranston, RI 02920**

**Weiss requested a vote from the Committee to approve the contract for Georgia Fortunato to assume the title of Superintendent of Schools upon completion of her work. Motion by Zangari and Zito. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Weiss wished Tindall-Gibson well in his new job. He announced Joe Nasif will be the interim Superintendent for the 06-07 school year. Weiss said Georgia has been in the system for 24 years. This is a real tribute. She joined us in 1982 in Lonsdale Elementary School and worked in a variety of positions throughout the years. She is amazingly competent. When she assumed the position of Director of Special Education, not only did she dramatically improve the special education services in the Town of Lincoln, she also brought many of the students who were being outsourced, back into Lincoln where the families wanted their kids to be. She was also very instrumental in bringing millions of dollars in additional revenues from government grants and government reimbursements back to Lincoln. In July 06, she was promoted to Director of Students Services and Personnel.**

**Fortunato thanked everyone for their support.**

**Resignations**

**a. Kevin McNamara From: Energy Education Manager - Districtwide  
6 Bewley Street Effective: August 30, 2006  
Greenville, RI 02828**

**Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

**a.Amanda Francisco From: 1:1 Teacher Assistant Gr. 7 – MS  
33 Fourth Street Childrearing (unpaid)  
East Providence, RI 02914 Effective: September 14, 2006 to end of s/y**

**b. Rachel Kay From: Secretary I – HS  
7 Andrews Drive Medical (paid)  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Effective: August 29, 2006 to September 26, 2006  
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**c. Lauren Renzi From: Speech/Language Pathologist – MS/HS  
P.O. Box 278 Maternity (paid)  
Albion, RI 02802 Effective: January 8, 2007 to January 26, 2007**

**January 29, 2007 to April 6, 2007 (childrearing – unpaid)**

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Teacher Appointments**

**a. Emily Bennett To: .2 Math – HS**

**166 Valley Street, Apt. 7401 Effective: September 7, 2006**

**Providence, RI Salary: \$ 7,483.67 (BA Step 1)**

**b. MaryAnn DiBattista To: Reading Specialist – HS**

**139 Eastwick Road Effective: August 31, 2006**

**North Kingstown, RI 02852 Salary: \$59,092 (MA Step 8)**

**Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Support Staff Appointments**

**a. Jose Airoso To: Custodian – HS**

**234 Minerva Avenue Effective: September 12, 2006**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$15.47/hr. 1st half of year  
\$15.78/hr. 2nd half of year**

**b. Robert Flaxington To: Custodian – HS**

**1 Cobble Hill Road Effective: September 12, 2006**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$15.47/hr. 1st half of year  
\$15.78/hr. 2nd half of year**

**cJohn Waycott To: Truant Officer**

**14 Keane Street Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$5,000 per year**

**Motion by Zito to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Long-Term Substitute Appointment**

**a. Stephanie Ganim To: LTS Grade 5 – Saylesville**

**43 Oak Hill Drive Effective: August 31, 2006 to November 22, 2006**

**Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$12,737.35 (MA Step 2)**

**b.Susan Kolenda To: LTS .8 Art – HS (.2 grant funded)**

**207 Tomahawk Trail Effective: September 13, 2006 to June 20, 2007**

**Cranston, RI 02921 Salary: \$36,011.38 (BA Step 1)**

**b.Michele McRoberts To: LTS .2 Portfolio Facilitator – HS**

**6 Emery Road Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year**

**Warren, RI 02885 no salary augmentation**

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**c. Marilyn Mollo To: LTS .2 French – HS**

**34 Pleasant Street Effective: 2006 – 2007 school year**

**Seekonk, MA 02771 Salary: \$14,954.40 (MA +45 Step 10)**

**Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Information Only**

**a. Augmentation of Tech. Ed. (removed from agenda)**

**b. Anne Bibeault To: 1.0 Occupational Therapist – Systemwide  
34 Marion Avenue From: .5 Occupational Therapist – Systemwide  
Cranston, RI 02905 Effective: September 13, 2006**

**c. Karen Votta To: 1:1 Int. K Teacher Assistant – NELC  
22 Washington Street From: 1:1 Teacher Assistant – Saylesville  
North Providence, RI 02904 Effective: 2007 – 2008 school year**

## **Bids**

### **Rental of Storage Space**

**Miller said specifications were given to four vendors and one vendor responded. She recommended Lincoln Freight Terminal be awarded the bid in the amount of \$1,052 per month, secure for 36 months. Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion passed.**

## **Expense Warrants**

**September 11, 2006 Capital Reserve Fund**



**Invoices Paid in Advance    \$0**

**Invoices for Payment General Fund   \$156,240.00**

**Total 05-06 Invoices \$156,240.00**

**Grand Total   \$156,240.00**

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**September 11, 2006 Expense Warrants**

**Invoices Paid in Advance    \$   1,068.04**

**Invoices for Payment**

**Operating Budget \$258,211.21**

**USF Grant   \$   3,224.49**

**RI Skills Comm.   \$   274.24**

**Title II    \$ 11,200.00**

**Perkins Grant   \$   76.87**

**Total 06-07 Invoices \$272,986.81**

**Grand Total   \$274,054.85**

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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## **September 11, 2006 (A) Expense Warrants**

**Invoices Paid in Advance    \$0**

**Invoices for Payment**

**Operating Budget \$18,103.20**

**Total 06-07 Invoices \$18,103.20**

**Grand Total    \$18,103.20**

**Motion by Roll to approve. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Salary Warrant**

**August 17, 2006**

**School Payroll (local budget) \$877,883.48**

**Class Size Reduction    \$    5,394.23**

**Title I    \$    12,109.33**

**IDEA Part B    \$    25,555.06**

**Grand Total    \$920,942.10**

**Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **Salary Warrant**

**August 31, 2006**

**School Payroll (local budget) \$990,472.89**

Literacy	\$	6,324.95
Professional Development	\$	1,040.00
Class Size Reduction	\$	4,175.77
Title I	\$	9,301.08
Title II	\$	227.50
IDEA Part B	\$	27,492.18
Grand Total		\$1,039,034.37

Motion by Robson to approve. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Review of Non-Certified Job Classification – GCA-D.**

Tindall-Gibson said that policy is still in development and will be presented at a future meeting.

Weiss asked the Committee to approve \$14K for the analysis proposed by Ed Partnership. Motion by Robson to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor except Zangari voted nay. Motion passed.

#### **New Business – None**

Weiss asked Tindall-Gibson if he wanted to say anything to the community. He said it was an honor to work with the School Committee. He thanked all the administrators, teaching staff, and

**support staff. He believes this is an amazing place to raise children.**

### **Community Comments**

**John Ambeault congratulated Georgia for her new job as superintendent.**

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**Dot McDonough, an education advocate, appreciated the fact that Georgia was promoted to superintendent but she will miss her. She addresses issues before they become an issue.**

**Kathleen Cunha, a parent, is very proud that Georgia will be the superintendent.**

**Mary Ann McComiskey wished John the best and she welcomed Georgia as superintendent.**

**Debbie Ambeault congratulated Georgia and wished her well.**

**Sandy Laverdierre, a parent, wished both John and Georgia well. She discussed her disappointment with the school busses, specifically bus no. 4.**

**Paul Sylvestre, on behalf of Paul Szymczuk, thanked John and congratulated Georgia.**

**Motion to adjourn by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.**  
**Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK      DATE**